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Mr. Jason H. El-Zein
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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RE: Jackson Drop Forge Site

Dear Mr. El-Zein,

I am writing to officially request the services of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in dealing with the contamination discovered at the Jackson Drop Forge facility located in Jackson, Jackson County, MI. My staff have documented the presence of several thousand barrels located in the flood plain of the Grand River on property owned by this facility. Some of the barrels have been shown to contain potentially hazardous liquids and semi-solids with high levels of BTEX compounds. Some of these barrels are actually in the river itself and access to the site is not effectively restricted.

Due to the nature of the contamination, as well as its location in the flood plain of the Grand River, this situation requires prompt response activities. We therefore request your immediate assistance to accomplish the removal of these barreled wastes from this site.

We look forward to working with you in remediating this facility. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my self or Peter T. Masson of my staff at (517) 780-7900.

Sincerely,

Gary Klepper, Supervisor
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cc: Bob Basch, Region III Supervisor
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